

## CZAR SAYS HE'S FOR REFORM

### RECEIVES DELEGATES FROM THE ZEMSTVO CONGRESS.

Reply to Their Request for a National Assembly Not All They Desire—Prince Troubetskoi Tells Him of the Nation's Danger Under Present Conditions.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN.

ST. PETERSBURG, June 19.—The czar this morning received at the palace of Tsarskoe-Selo the deputation appointed to visit him and present a memorial by the Congress of Zemstvos which recently met at Moscow.

Count Heyden, as president of the congress, headed the deputation, but Prince Troubetskoi was spokesman. His address to the czar dwelling upon the deplorable condition of the country lasted half an hour. His Majesty listened intently and seemed to be impressed. M. Frodoroff, one of the St. Petersburg delegates, also spoke.

The czar, in the course of his reply said: "I am happy to have heard you. I do not doubt that you were guided by an ardent sentiment of love for your fatherland in addressing yourselves directly to me. I have been and am still grieved with all my soul with you and all my people at the calamities which have befallen upon Russia, and at all which may still be feared as well as at our internal disturbances."

"Dispel your doubts. My will is the sovereign and unalterable will, and the admission of elected representatives to works of State will be regularly accomplished. I watch every day and devote myself to this work. You may announce that to all your friends dwelling in the country as well as in the towns."

"I am fully convinced that Russia will emerge strengthened from the trials she is undergoing, and that there will be established soon, as formerly, union between the czar and all the Russian communion, between myself and the men of the Russian soil. This union and communion, which must serve as the basis for the order of things, stand for the original principles of Russia. I have faith in your sincere desire to help me in this task."

LONDON, June 20.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Standard the question of peace was not mentioned at the audience his Majesty having made the exclusion of this topic, which he regards as a matter of imperial prerogative, a condition for receiving the deputation.

Later, therefore, was simply the mouthpiece of the agitation for a popular assembly. The reception of the deputation after official sanction had been refused to the zemstvos' congress itself is an important advance, expressing Russia's progress toward better government.

Prince Troubetskoi in his speech assured the czar that the zemstvos were not rebellious disturbers of the peace nor enemies of the sovereign, as their enemies charged, but were inspired by love for their country and the desire to have it tranquil and prosperous. The country's condition, he declared, was terrible, and the zemstvos must speak.

The people knew the czar was resolved upon reforms, but as nothing practical had resulted from the numerous ukases and manifestoes, the people had become convinced that the czar's purposes were being thwarted.

They suspected treachery and were looking for the traitors. This created a dangerously receptive soil for the propaganda of social hatred. Some agitators told the peasants that the officials were blamable. Some named the landlords and zemstvos as the cause. Others said the liberals and the press were responsible.

This situation must be remedied or a horrible catastrophe would be inevitable. The Government must seek a new path to retain the confidence of the people. Therefore the zemstvos hailed his Majesty's resolution to give the country a popular assembly, and desired to help him execute his plan. The zemstvos were agreed on the following four points:

First—That representation should not be according to classes.

Second—That nobody should be excluded on account of race or religion, since those excluded would be discontented and would defeat the first object of the assembly, namely, the pacification of the country.

Third—That the zemstvos should not be a patchwork addition to the present bureaucratic institutions, but an entirely new corporation, with distinct character and powers.

Fourth—That the press should be allowed complete freedom, that meetings should not be molested, and that personal freedom should be guaranteed, otherwise the assembly would not truly and adequately represent the sentiments of the country.

M. Frodoroff spoke on the economic situation, which, he said, would improve only when the people were allowed complete liberty to develop the empire's natural resources.

## CONVICT ESCAPED IN SHOE BOX.

Went Out as Freight, but His Call for Air Caught Him.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., June 19.—Edward Hammond, a convict, was recaptured to-day about three hours after he had been smuggled out of one of the shops in the penitentiary.

Hammond was employed in the Geisheck shoe shops, but to-day was relieved from labor and placed on the sick call. Instead of returning to his cell he went to the Parker shops. A shipment of shoes was being made. Hammond was placed in one of the boxes and nailed up and then loaded on a wagon with boxes of shoes.

He was hauled across the river and placed in a car. Then there were calls for air, and from the box came the confession that an escaping convict was inside. Instead of immediately taking him from the box, a telephone message was sent to the prison, and the man in the box was kept there, even the car doors being closed, until officials from the prison arrived. Hammond was unconscious and nearly dead when taken from the box.

## JAMES W. ALEXANDER III.

At the Home of His Son-in-Law—Likely to Go Away for a Long Rest.

James W. Alexander, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, is seriously ill, though not dangerously so, with kidney trouble at 116 East Sixty-fifth street, the home of his daughter, Mrs. John W. Alexander, wife of the artist.

The complaint from which Mr. Alexander is suffering has been chronic with him for many years. Recently, however, the case has been aggravated, and last Thursday he had to leave his office and go to his daughter's house, where he had been staying since his family's departure for the Ontario Club, their place in the Adirondacks.

A physician advised complete rest, but Mr. Alexander didn't heed the advice and again went to his office on Friday. He could stay only a short time, however, and ever since Friday has been under medical care.

Mrs. Alexander, his daughter, and Frederick Alexander, the tennis player, his son, are in constant attendance upon him.

John W. Alexander, the Equitable president's son-in-law, declined to say anything at all with regard to his father-in-law. A SUN reporter, nevertheless, learned that the household at 116 East Sixty-fifth street is making preparations to remove the invalid and to accompany him to his Ontario home. It is said they will leave some time to-day.

Mr. Alexander and his family have presented the greatest secrecy over his illness. Members of the Metropolitan Club, accustomed to see him there evenings and to discuss matters with him, noticed his sudden absence since Friday and began to make inquiries. The club office telephoned all over New York, but could get no information with regard to Mr. Alexander. It was only yesterday that it was learned he was ill.

The prescription for Mr. Alexander, it is said, is a long period of rest and total retirement from anything like business until his health is completely restored.

## ENTRA SESSION CONFAB.

Governor to Talk With Odell and the Triumvirate To-day.

ALBANY, June 19.—Chairman Odell of the Republican State committee will be in Albany to-morrow upon the invitation of his legislative triumvirate, Speaker Nixon and Senators Raines and Malby, who ran the Legislature last winter as their possible ally in the coming year.

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## HOUSE LOOTED, BUTLER GONE.

Somebody Got Away With \$4,000 Worth of Jewelry and Other Valuables.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., June 19.—Chief of Police Van Buren has sent out a general alarm to the police and pawnbrokers all over the country to look for \$4,000 worth of jewelry, bric-a-brac and silverware which was stolen from the home of Byron E. Eldred of Lawrence Park, this village, and which is supposed to have been taken by Arthur Benoa, a butler, who has disappeared.

Benoa vanished the same day that the robbery was discovered. On the day of the robbery Mr. and Mrs. Eldred went to Manhattan, leaving Benoa and four servants in the house. In the afternoon the butler told the other servants that he was going to the tailor's, but he failed to come back, and when Mrs. Eldred returned she discovered that the house had been looted.

The property taken included one diamond ring, three stones, a watch, a diamond bracelet, thirty-two stones, one diamond earring, over one hundred stones, five small rings, one of which has a center sapphire, diamond border, and one diamond solitaire.

## DEATH PREVENTED PROMOTION.

Col. Wagner, Who Expired Saturday, Was to Have Been Made a Brigadier Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Col. Arthur Wagner of the General Staff of the Army, who died in Asheville, N. C., on Saturday, was to have been made a Brigadier-General to-day, but his death prevented his advancement. Col. Wagner would have been promoted last week had it not been for the delay in the promotion of Major-General Gillespie, who was promoted to the rank of Major-General yesterday.

Secretary Taft intends to make an effort to have Congress pass a special act giving Mrs. Wagner the pension of a Brigadier-General's widow.

## Italy to Increase Her Navy.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.

ROME, June 19.—The result of the debate in Parliament upon the increase of the Italian Navy is that funds have been voted for the construction of four cruisers and twenty torpedo boats, to be launched within thirty months.

## DORILTON FULL OF AMMONIA.

### TANK BURST IN TAIL APARTMENT HOUSE CELLAR.

Elevator Boys Desert the Shaft—Tenants Try the Street for Fresh Air—Police and Ambulance Called—Engineer, in Diver's Helmet, Turns On the Hose.

The ammonia tank used for refrigerating purposes in the Dorilton Apartments at Broadway and Seventy-first street burst at 11:30 o'clock last night and the ammonia fumes in the twelve-story building made the people living there panicky.

To add to their fright the colored help, such as the bellboys, doormen and elevator boys, became so frightened that they quit their posts. It was not until long after the police arrived that the colored employees could be induced to go back to work.

What burst the tank no one could tell last night, but it was not long before a strong odor of ammonia was all through the building. It increased steadily and the tenants who got it first lost no time in getting out to the street.

One of them telephoned to Police Headquarters shortly before midnight and asked that the reserves of the nearest station be sent to the Dorilton as soon as possible. Six or seven men from the West Sixty-eighth street station were sent around.

Before they arrived Policeman Sexton had turned up. He found the negro help out on the stoop trying to get all the fresh air they could. They told Sexton that the ammonia tank had burst and that they did not intend to take any chances.

Some of the tenants had already begun to leave the building and they kept urging the elevator boys to work the elevators, but they wouldn't. Then he began to run an elevator himself. He made several trips to the top of the building and brought down any one who wanted to ride.

After he had done this he nabbed the negro switchboard operator and had him ring up all the forty apartments and tell the tenants what had happened. Those who had not paid any attention to the fumes up to that time joined the ranks of those who had already become panicky.

When the reserves arrived they found people straggling through the halls and making for the street and the courtyard. More than one woman seemed to be suffering from the strong fumes. Mrs. J. A. Joseph had been assisted down stairs by her husband. They had to walk down. The ammonia fumes had affected her so much that her husband asked for a doctor.

An ambulance from Roosevelt Hospital was summoned and Dr. Clark soon brought Mrs. Joseph around, saying that the ammonia had not affected her nearly as much as the scare. No one else needed the attention of the surgeon. He told the tenants that the fumes would not hurt them, he went away, leaving about every one in the Dorilton weeping or sniffing.

Sexton opened the skylights of the building and all the windows were opened. Two Down in the sub-cellar William Hays, the engineer, was doing all he could to drive away the fumes.

Hays is a pretty wise citizen and since he has worked in a building with an ammonia tank he has always kept a diver's helmet near. When the tank burst last night, Hays put on the helmet and went about in the thick of the fumes without any discomfort. He lessened the fumes considerably and finally got rid of them altogether by playing a hose on the spilled ammonia.

Not all the tenants left the building, but the majority of them did. There are over 200 people living in the building, including servants. Among those who live there are Mr. and Mrs. George Whelan, E. J. Travis, Frederick P. Addicks, Mr. and Mrs. H. Underhill, M. L. Arnstein and Hector H. Havemeyer.

## SUICIDE FROM FERRYBOAT.

Express Messenger Jumps Overboard on the Way From Jersey City.

HARRY P. Tumblety, a messenger of the New York Transfer Company, jumped overboard last night from the ferryboat Arlington of the Erie line.

Somebody got away with \$4,000 worth of jewelry and other valuables. The ferryboat was crowded with passengers. Tumblety was on the women's side near the stern, crossed over and without a word to anyone vaulted the rail. Most of the passengers were up at the bow. The few who saw him jump shouted "Man overboard!" and it was some minutes before the alarm was heard in the pilot house.

Capt. Richardson put full speed astern for about 200 yards, the distance the boat made from where Tumblety went over. The captain of the ferryboat St. Louis, of the Pennsylvania line, who saw him jump, and a passing tug also pulled up and searched around for the body, but it did not come up.

The crew on the tug found Tumblety's derby hat and turned it over to the ferry master at Jersey City. He was well known by the Erie people, as he traveled on the Erie boats. Richardson's method of search was to look for the hat. He was told to meet the Erie train at Paterson and make arrangements with the passengers to transfer baggage. He left his cap and the papers of the transfer company on the boat before he jumped. He was married and lived in Passaic, N. J.

## BASEBALL PLAYERS ROBBED.

Rooms at the Southern, St. Louis, Looted, Including Brennan's and McGinnis's.

ST. LOUIS, June 19.—Manager Henry C. Lewis of the Southern Hotel reported to Detective Richard Joyce at police headquarters to-day that at noon that five rooms at the hotel were entered by a sneak thief and the contents of the rooms were taken and Brennan and McGinnis's rooms were robbed of clothing and valuables.

Among those robbed were Roger Brennan, catcher of the New York Nationals, and McGinnis, first baseman of the New York team. McGinnis's baseball shoes were taken and Brennan lost a pair of patent leather shoes. Both players had left their valuables in the hotel.

All of the rooms looted were on the third floor, except one on the second, or parlor floor. An examination showed that the thief had entered each room through the street windows, evidently having crawled along the ledge in broad daylight and in view of passersby.

The robberies were not reported to the police until to-day. Manager Lewis relying on the house detectives. This morning it was learned that one of the employees of the hotel who was under suspicion disappeared Saturday night and is thought to have left the city. The hotel, Mr. Lewis said, would make good all the losses.

Brennan when not playing ball is a detective, but he didn't go sleuthing after his lost shoes.

## NORWEGIAN LOWERS HIS FLAG.

Had to Enter His Ship Through the Swedish Consul or Not at All.

Capt. Nilsen, a Norwegian, in command of the Norwegian ship Tjomo, in yesterday from Norway, never as much as glanced at the Swedish consulate when he came on shore. It was further from his thoughts to go in that direction. He carried his papers direct to the Norwegian House. He was a citizen of an independent country and was going to do business with the United States officials without using the agent of a foreign power as an intermediary.

Under the treaty between this country and the King of Sweden and Norway Swedish Consuls in this country receive the papers of Swedish and Norwegian captains when they enter and give the captains receipts which the captains take to the Custom House. Deputy Collector Barrett, accordingly, was surprised when Capt. Nilsen came to him and handed over his documents.

"I haven't anything to do with these papers," he said. "Where is your receipt from the Swedish Consul?"

"I don't propose to go to the Swedish Consul," retorted the Norwegian pugnaciously. "I am no longer a subject of the King of Sweden. I belong to a free and independent nation."

Mr. Barrett told the captain that Norway might be free, but that the Custom House had no official knowledge of it. The Norwegian was disappointed. He told the Norwegian consul and he must visit that official again when he gets ready to leave, give the Consul his clearance papers and get the ship's papers back.

The proceedings at the consulate were entirely formal. Capt. Nilsen presented his papers and took the customary receipt. His ship was now under the control of the Norwegian consul and he must visit that official again when he gets ready to leave, give the Consul his clearance papers and get the ship's papers back.

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## TWO SUE ABE GRUBER.

One Detective Got Verdict for \$6000—Another Wants \$2,000 on Gruber's Note.

A jury in Judge Delahanty's division of the City Court rendered a verdict of \$6000 yesterday in favor of Bernard Goldman against Abe Gruber, Gruber & Bonnyne. Goldman sued for payment for services as private detective for Abraham Gruber of the firm.

As Goldman told the story on the stand the firm were attorneys for two creditors of Max Bros., bankrupts. Gruber employed Goldman, who had been a salesman for the firm, as a private detective. He was told to get the confidence of one Harry Diamond, a former bookkeeper. Goldman, after taking Diamond to the races, persuaded him to see Gruber, who employed him to get evidence. For this, Goldman alleged, Diamond received \$1,000 cash and a note for \$2,000.

The case which they were working up never came into court. The matter was settled privately.

Abraham Gruber took the stand and declared that he had paid Goldman \$150 in full for his services.

The jury rendered a verdict for \$445 in favor of Goldman. Gruber entered a strenuous kick.

"I should be a millionaire," he said. "I don't want a compromise verdict."

Judge Delahanty, therefore, sent the jury back to return a new verdict of \$600. Gruber says that he will appeal.

## DIED AFTER DAY IN ASYLUM.

Doctor Reports Case of Manhattan State Hospital Patient as Suspicious.

Dr. John Roeloffs of 309 East Sixteenth street reported to the Coroner's office yesterday that he had his suspicions about the cause of death of Charles Ruefer, an insane patient at the Manhattan State Hospital. Ruefer was taken up by the police on Saturday. He died Sunday night.

His family, who live in East 138th street, were notified yesterday afternoon. They reported to Dr. Roeloffs, who attended Ruefer in a previous illness, that the actions of the attendant who brought the news were such as to create suspicion. The report to the Coroner followed.

The case is marked for investigation on the Coroner's books. However, Coroner Scholer, who had the case in charge, said that he would not proceed with it until some relative of the dead man made formal complaint.

"I can't say anything about the case until I have seen the body," said Dr. Roeloffs last night. "It looks suspicious to me, though."

## PATRICK TO GOV. HIGGINS.

He Says He Will Not Ask for Clemency, but Will Continue to Ask for Justice.

ALBANY, June 19.—Albert T. Patrick, convicted of the murder of Millionaire Rice, has written Gov. Higgins that he asks for no favors, but does demand justice at the hands of the State authorities. In his letter Mr. Patrick takes a fling at District Attorney McAvoy's admission of confession, saying that it would not bear investigation.

The letter follows: "I have been convicted of murder in the first degree, as will appear by reference to the records in your office. On the 9th inst. the Court of Appeals affirmed the judgment of the jury. I have asked and shall continue to ask for strict justice and due process of law only. Any application to you to lessen the penalty is judged me will be without my authority."

William M. Rice was not murdered. I have committed no crime. The confession has been brought about by a criminal conspiracy to deprive me of the due process of law. The remedies open to me are as follows: 1. An appeal for reargument in the Court of Appeals. 2. A motion for a new trial upon newly discovered evidence in the trial court. 3. An application to the Governor for full pardon upon proof of innocence.

I may also apply to you or the Legislature for an investigation into the methods of administration of criminal justice in New York county and as to the manner of my conviction. I will accept of no compromise. I may apply to you for a modification of the solitary confinement which hampers me in my fight for justice."

Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan Gives \$50,000 to Georgetown University. WASHINGTON, June 19.—Mrs. Thomas F. Ryan of New York has given \$50,000 to Georgetown University for a new gymnasium. Mrs. Ryan was the donor of \$30,000 for the construction of a refectory at Georgetown, which has been named the Ida M. Ryan Hall.

## HAVE DR. WOODEND ARRESTED

### PHILADELPHIA BROKERS SAY HE DEFRAUDED THEM OF \$2,700.

He is Held in \$3,500 Bail—He Went Over to Straighten Out Deal in Margins, and They Charge Misrepresentation and Get Warrant—It's a Mistake, He Says.

PHILADELPHIA, June 19.—Dr. W. E. Woodend, the New York promoter, was held in \$3,500 bail by Magistrate Gallagher to-day on a charge of obtaining \$2,700 by false and fraudulent pretenses. The complaint was W. N. Smith of the brokerage firm of Gessler & Smith, 1414 South Front Street.

Dr. Woodend was arrested on South Penn Square by Constable Toner of Magistrate Gallagher's office after he had come over in the endeavor to straighten out matters between him and Gessler & Smith. According to the testimony at the hearing the alleged false pretenses on Woodend's part were contained in his statements with regard to the financial standing of a company with which he said he was connected.

In the affidavit as sworn to by Mr. Smith it is set forth that on various dates "during the past three months Woodend in the city of Philadelphia obtained from A. Gessler and W. N. Smith, copartners, trading as Gessler & Smith, the sum of \$2,700 or more by false and fraudulent pretenses."

To substantiate the affidavit both Mr. Smith and Mr. Gessler appeared as witnesses. Mr. Smith declared that in March last Woodend had represented to them that he had a company doing business with a capital of \$100,000, of which \$2,500 was paid in. Believing this to be true the firm advanced him from time to time various sums of money "to margin accounts for them."

These transactions continued for some three months, until Gessler and Smith discovered, as alleged, that Woodend had misrepresented to them the state of affairs. Then they demanded that he settle accounts. Mr. Gessler testified along the same lines.

The \$2,700 mentioned in the affidavit, it was said, represented a balance in Woodend's hands due to the firm. Attorney John H. Crowley, representing Woodend, asked Mr. Smith if Woodend had not used the money to margin accounts according to agreement. Mr. Smith replied that he had no knowledge as to whether Woodend had so done or not.

It was further brought out by Mr. Crowley that the firm had not sent any one to Albany to verify Woodend's account of the standing of the company. He declared that there was no justification in holding his client. The Magistrate decided otherwise.

After the hearing Woodend said: "This is all a mistake. I came over this morning to settle everything satisfactorily when this thing happened."

Up to a late hour Woodend had not secured bail.

## CHINESE BOYCOTT SPREADS.

Students Agree to Circulate Anti-American Literature.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. TIENTSIN, China, June 19.—Two important anti-American meetings, attended by 600 students, representing twenty-six colleges, were held here yesterday. They passed resolutions in favor of the boycott of American manufactures because of the exclusion and decided to circulate anti-American literature.

Two hundred members of the Commercial Guild, connected with seventeen provinces, have signed an agreement by which they enter into mutual bond providing that any member reported to have been a purchaser of American goods shall pay a fine of 50,000 taels (\$3,000).

Vancouver, B. C., June 19.—The Canadian Chinese Empire Reform Association, the British Columbia Chinese Merchants' Guild and the British Columbia Chinese board of trade met to-night and endorsed the propaganda of the Canton and Shanghai merchants proposing to boycott the United States for the Chinese immigration restriction. They also endorsed the plan outlined to start four mills in British Columbia with Chinese capital and under Chinese control to supply the Chinese markets. Other manufacturers run by cheap Chinese labor in British Columbia are spoken of.

## OPERA GLASSES ON THE ROOF.

Started a Burglar Panic. Boy of 16 Was Wielding Them About Bedtime.

A burglar scare broke out like an epidemic on 120th street, between Lenox and Seventh avenues, last night. Somewhere, somehow, the rumor arose that there were burglars on the roof of the row of houses on the south side of the street. The report spread to the north side. The householders put on their night clothes and looked out of the windows, beheld a dark form flitting among the chimneys. Then a woman screamed and a crowd gathered.

Magistrate Leroy B. Crane, who lives at 139, crawled to the telephone in demitoid and called up Police Headquarters. "There are burglars on the roof across the street," he said. "You'd better hurry!"

Then he descended and joined the crowd. Capt. McElroy of the West 125th street station got the flash from Headquarters and sent up Detective McAvoy and five patrolmen. McAvoy reconnoitered. There was certainly someone on that roof. With drawn revolver he hurried through the house of James Morrison Gilmore, at 161, and on to the roof.

There was a dark form dodging behind the chimneys. "152," said McAvoy, swinging his gun. "Hands up!" said McAvoy, swinging his gun. The burglar obeyed. He was a small burglar.

"Are you doing here?" asked the detective.

"None of your business. I live at 140," answered the burglar. McAvoy walked up and nabbed him. He was only a boy of 16.

Meanwhile, the women in the street were screaming that there were three more burglars on the roof. The corps of cops began to hunt, but found no more.

At the street door Max Scheuer, who lives at 140, identified the captive as his son Jerome.

"Let him go," he has a right on the roof," said Scheuer the elder. Magistrate Crane, who was looking the boy over, said: "Not much. You're holding the wrong boy. He has been looking into people's windows with a pair of opera glasses. I don't want any Peeping Toms looking into my house."

The Magistrate and Scheuer the elder continued to argue, while the Scheuer boy was being taken to the station. When he was searched, a pair of opera glasses was found in his pocket.

He was charged with disorderly conduct. His father linked him out.

After all, UNHAPPY, the Scotch that made the nightfall famous. It is the best. —Ad.

## PRINCE WANTS TO FIGHT DUEL.

De Sagan Accuses De Beorn, His Cousin, of Assuming Titles—Paris Laughs.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. PARIS, June 19.—The town is laughing over the feud between Prince Helle de Sagan and Prince de Beorn de Chalais, the fiancé of Miss Winans. Prince de Sagan accuses Prince de Beorn of falsely assuming his titles, both of which are vested in Prince de Sagan as the head of the house of De Sagan, who acknowledges Prince de Beorn as a second cousin. Prince de Sagan affirms that the self-styled Prince de Beorn possesses no title.

He seeks to bring the matter to an issue and to force Prince de Beorn to fight a duel by an insulting letter, which will appear in to-morrow's papers. The concluding paragraph of this letter says:

"De Beorn's claims remind me of